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Area of the Borough	8,013 acres
Rateable Value	£ 160,053
Population, Census returns, 1921	20,363
,, Registrar General, corrected ...	17,810
Number of Houses	3,917
Gross Death Rate	12·45
Corrected ditto	11·57*
Birth Rate	13·25
Infantile Mortality Rate	29·66
Death Rate from Zymotic Diseases	0·05
Comparative Mortality Figure, <i>i.e.</i> compared with England and Wales, as 1,000. }	997

* Corrected by Factor.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Nov. 1922—Nov. 1923.

The Mayor—Councillor Lieut.-Col. Ronald Gibb, C.B.E.

The Deputy-Mayor—Councillor R. C. Sewell.

Mr. Alderman T. Bodle.

„ „ F. Bond, M.A.

„ „ G. H. Gray.

„ „ J. Rogers.

Mr. Councillor F. B. Bending.

„ „ E. W. Bowrey.

„ „ H. Cockett.

„ „ T. Davis.

„ „ H. P. Farnfield.

Mrs. „ C. I. Meads.

Mr. „ T. J. Walters.

In Nov., 1922, Mr. Alderman J. Rogers was elected Chairman.

Staff.

Medical Officer of Health:

G. H. Weston, B.A., M.B., D.P.H., Camb., etc.

Sanitary Inspector:

Alfred Flint, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A., A.M.I.S.E.

Clerk:

Miss H. Budden.

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**TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN. AND
COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF
BEXHILL.**

I have the honour of submitting the Annual Report for the year 1923.

As is shown by the Report the Council have taken the Housing and Sewerage questions into serious consideration in order to meet the increasing needs of the Borough.

Attention is drawn to the continued low figure of the Infantile Mortality Rate and to the very low figures of Infectious Disease during the year.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

G. H. WESTON.

Annual Report for the Year 1923.

By the Instructions of the Ministry of Health the report for the year will be an Ordinary Report dealing only with the circumstances of the year.

- (a) Ward figures as to housing (Census figures) 20,363.
Estimated at end of year on Census figures 21,152

Ward.	Population.	Houses erected during year 1923	Total number of houses occupied.
Sackville ...	3731	19	533
Central ...	6114	7	1019
Egerton Park	4030	52	806
Old Town ...	3087	6	671
St. Mark's ...	4174	23	888
Total	21136	107	3917

The population figure given by the Registrar General for statistical purposes does not include residents in schools, etc., for whom for the major part of the year provision as to water supply, sewerage, etc., has to be made. The above table was therefore worked out on the basis of the last census.

(b) Probably owing to the fact that the year's rainfall was in excess of previous years the Company did not find it necessary to curtail the water supply during the summer season as in 1922.

This, however, does not remove the necessity for the extension of the supply commensurate with the growth of the Borough.

All the evidence available points to a probable considerable increase of building in the near future.

The water supply to the houses on Galley Hill has called for attention. The main sources of supply are from two wells, one of which has been found polluted.

SEWERAGE.—The Council have adopted the following recommendations by the Public Health Committee.

The Committee have had under consideration at recent meetings questions affecting the Sewerage system of the Borough and the necessity or otherwise of embarking upon a scheme of enlargement and extension to meet present and future developments.

The Committee have also received a representation signed by the local medical practitioners on the subject. The Committee are of opinion that expert advice should be obtained upon the general question of sewerage as affecting the whole Borough with reference to (a) Extension of the existing out-fall, and (b) the desirability of a separate system of surface water drainage.

Sections of the present main sewerage system were enlarged after a report from Messrs. Taylor, Sons and Santo Crimp, and the Committee recommend that the firm be asked to submit a further report upon the lines above indicated.

SCAVENGING.—During the year house refuse has been deposited at the Turkey Road Brick Fields, and to secure quicker removal the Council have adopted the principle of Petrol Motor Dust Carts by which they propose to supersede the old horse drawn carts.

EPIDEMICS.—The District has been free from Scarlet Fever or Diphtheria to an exceptional extent, possibly due partly to the high incidence of 1920-1921 being followed by a corresponding fall.

To secure accuracy in diagnosis Varicella was made notifiable, I have verified in cases where no doctor was in attendance or with the doctor in doubtful cases.

Other diseases of an epidemic character have also been below normal rates, and no Elementary School closures were found necessary.

WATER SUPPLY.—The figures given by the Company are :—

Average daily quantity of water used	677,000 gals.
Number of houses supplied with water	3,422
Number of shops, hotels, stables, etc. ...	235
Number of houses to which water was laid on during the year	150

The quarterly analyses have shown the usual high degree of purity. There have been complaints as to the presence of iron oxide in excess probably due to the deposit in the pipes having been allowed to increase and then disturbed. The Company have taken steps to lessen the accumulation. It should be remembered that the water comes from iron bearing strata and that it should be removed by sand filtration before passing into the delivery pipes.

Tuberculosis.

Age Periods.			NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
			Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
5	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	..	..	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
15	..	..	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
20	..	..	—	2	—	—	1	—	1	—
25	..	..	3	2	0	—	1	1	—	—
35	..	..	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—
45	..	..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	..	..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
65	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	..		5	7	0	1	4	3	2	1

The ratio of non-notified Tuberculosis deaths to total Tuberculosis deaths is 30 per cent. (eliminating inward transfers). Pressure is being brought to secure better notification and the result is therefore better.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year—

DISEASE.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.	Case Rate per 1,000 Living	
				England & Wales	Bexhill
Diphtheria	2	1	—		
Scarlet Fever	6	6	—		
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)...	1	—	—		
Puerperal Fever	1	—	—		
Pneumonia	—	—	—		
{ Other Diseases generally notifiable (Specify disease)					
Influenza	—	—	—		
{ Other Disease notifiable locally (specify disease)					
Malaria	2	—	—		
Erysipelas	2	—	—		
Varicella (Doctors) ...	56	—	—		
Varicella and Measles (Nurse)	9	—	—		
Tuberculosis—Form A					
(a) Pulmonary M ...	5	3 S.	4		
F ...	8	6 S.	3		
Total	13	9 S.	7		
(b) Non-Pulmonary M...	—	—	2		
F ...	—	—	1		
Total	—	—	3		

An Analysis of the total Cases and Deaths under the following Groups :

(a) ANALYSIS OF DEATHS IN BEXHILL, INCLUDING VISITORS.												
under 1 year	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over	
M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F
3 4	... 2	... 1	... ..	... ..	... 1	3	... 5	3 3	7 ...	21 31	40 64	
7	2	1	...	...	1	3	5	6	7	52	104	

(b) INWARD TRANSFERS :

M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F
...	1 ...	... ..	... ..	... ..	2 ...	... ..	3 1	... 4	8 5	6 7	
...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	4	4	13	13	

(1) Deaths from Tuberculosis:—

Died within the Borough	9	Notified	7	Not Notified	2
Died outside the Borough	1	Notified	--	Not Notified	1

Annual Report for Year 1923 .**Appendix.****1.—General Statistics.**

Area (acres)	8,013
Population (1922)	17,670
Population (corrected R.G.) 1923	17,810
Number of Inhabited Houses (1923) including Flats with separate sanitation	3,917
Number of families or separate occupiers (1923)	
Rateable Value	£160,035
Sum represented by a penny rate	£628

2.—Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

	Total.	M.	F.		
Births Legitimate	112	109		Birth Rate (R.G.)	13.25
Births Illegitimate	9	6			
Deaths	208			Death Rate (R.G.)	11.577
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of child- birth	1			From Sepsis	1
				From other causes	0

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births:—

Legitimate 7 Illegitimate 0 Total 7

Congenital debility and prematurity caused 42 per cent.

Infantile Mortality Rate 29.66 (England and Wales 69.0,
London 60.).

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0
Total Deaths Registered in District (including 14 visitors	188

Total Deaths Residents dying outside the Borough	37
Deaths from Cancer 27	Rate per 1,000 1.46
„ „ Tuberculosis 10	Rate per 1,000 .56

The average of the previous ten years shows Cancer 1.37 and Tuberculosis 1.1, proving a marked decrease in the mortality from Tuberculosis.

5.—Summary (for Reference) of Nursing arrangements, Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

GENERAL.—The Nursing Association which embraces the whole Borough and has a Staff of Secretary and four nurses is under a Local (Voluntary) Committee. The Local Authority (the East Sussex County Council) contributes by providing the salary of two Maternity Nurses. The onus of the general nursing, and the provision of the necessary funds lies on the Local Committee who find a difficulty in raising the necessary funds. Half of the deficit on the Infant Welfare is met by the Ministry of Health.

Admission to Local Hospitals:—	In-Patients.	Out-Patients
East Sussex Hospital, Hastings	110	429
Buchanan Hospital, Hastings ...	32	71

There are 3 Midwives belonging to the Association and others working privately under doctors practising in the District.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.—Under the Nursing Association weekly sessions are held, and there are a number of Voluntary Helpers attached. Every inducement possible is being made to increase the number of attendances. It is noteworthy that no infant brought to the Clinic died during the year.

It is proposed to start an Antenatal Clinic as soon as the consent of the Private Doctors can be secured.

Bexhill Nursing Association.

Nurses' work for year ending Dec. 31st, 1923:—

Maternity Cases	154
Nursing Visits	3,100
Ante-Natal Visits	492

General Cases	202
Nursing Visits	5,257
Health Visits	1,835
Attendance at Infant Welfare Centre	138

Infant Welfare Centre.

Attendances of Mothers	1,546
„ Children under 2 years	1,210
„ „ over 2 and	
under 5 years	694
Individual Children brought	143

This report shows a considerable increase in work over previous years and the results have been good. In consequence of the results of an accident I was reluctantly compelled to resign the post of Hon. Medical Officer and the services of a competent paid Medical Officer have been secured.

DAY NURSERIES have not been re-started. A Crèche for Mothers who went out to work for the day was started some years ago, but though doing good work fell through for want of support.

SCHOOL CLINICS (Medical) under the Bexhill Education Committee are in full operation, and have materially increased the school attendance.

TUBERCULOSIS.—A Dispensary under the administration of the East Sussex County Council holds a weekly session in London Road. Efforts are being made to increase the control over contacts.

The advisability of starting a Care Committee for investigating condition of Tuberculosis Cases and granting assistance where necessary has received attention. Such Committee would have to raise its own funds.

VENEREAL DISEASE.—The V.D. Clinic at Hastings is now being opened in the New Building, and is probably the most completely equipped building of its size in the country. Six regular Sessions a week are now held and intermediate treatments are available with the assistance of a Sister and male orderly. During 1923 the number of cases was the same as in 1922 though the total attendances showed a small decrease. A falling off has been found in primary cases of Venereal Disease, but there has been an increase of late and congenital cases as has been generally found. The report states “The result of treatment in congenital syphilis in children and young adults

is most gratifying; the very success obtained being in a way a drawback, leaving parents and others to discontinue treatment before final tests of the cure are carried out."

Patients from Borough of Bexhill attending V.D. Clinic :

Total number attending for first time in 1923	23
Total Attendances	380
Total number of doses of Salvarsan admitted	187
Total In-patient days	Nil.
Total Wasserman Examinations	33
Total Examinations for Gonococci	29

Hospitals Provided or Subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council:—

(1) TUBERCULOSIS.—The County Council has provided a Sanatorium at Robertsbridge which is available for the Borough. Cases have also been treated during the year:—

Darvell Bank, Robertsbridge	5
Brompton Hospital	2
King Edward VII. Sanatorium, Midhurst	1

(2) MATERNITY AND CHILDREN.—There is no present provision.

(3) FEVER.—The Borough Council provides a Hospital of 20 beds at Clinch Green. Before the War they decided to replace the temporary buildings by others of a more permanent character, and plans were prepared and passed. The War, and the cost of building since has prevented, with the exception of the Observation Block which was built as a start, further proceeding with the scheme.

The Hospital received 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Diphtheria. Owing to freedom of District from infection, it was empty for seven months and 3 days. One case of German Measles was admitted for observation.

Diphtheria Antitoxin was issued by the Council for four cases.

(5) SMALL POX.—By arrangement with the Hastings Corporation four beds are retained at their Hospital at Brede.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL for the large number of PRIVATE SCHOOLS.—Only a few of the Private Schools have made any

attempt at providing facilities for isolating their pupils when required. Such provision should be made more general.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants, and Homeless Children.

There is no provision in the District other than the Poor Law Infirmary, which will not take any case unless destitute.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.—(a) For infectious cases a horse ambulance is provided by the Borough Council.

(b) For non-infectious cases a Voluntary Association provides a motor ambulance for taking cases to Hospital at Hastings. As the charge is often considered by the Working Classes excessive some reduction should be made for cases unable to pay the full charge.

6.—Laboratory Work.

During the year Pathological examinations of Swabs and specimens have been made at the Pathological Laboratory of the East Sussex Hospital, who have also made four Quarterly Analyses of the Water supplied by the Company.

The return of work done by them is as follows.—

Total number of Pathological Examinations of specimens from the Borough of Bexhill :—

(a) From Public Health Officer	7
(b) From Private Practitioners	112

In addition two other swabs have been examined by the Clinical Research Association.

MILK.—For Cleanliness. Two sources of supply have been examined and found to contain excess of dirt, but otherwise satisfactory.

Housing of the Working Classes.

The following applications have been received at the Town Hall :—

Outstanding at 31st Dec., 1922	94
Received during 1923	59
Number of tenancies granted during 1923	3
Outstanding at 31st Dec., 1923	150

This shows that the demand for Housing Accommodation still remains urgent. In order to further examine into existing Housing Conditions a report has been prepared dealing with the part of the area considered to be most in danger of overcrowding (Chandler Road, Little Common Road, Salisbury Road and London Road) and from this selected area the following return of 40 single room tenancies was obtained :—

Two adults	17
Two adults and one child	6
Two adults and two children	6
Two adults and three children	3
Two adults and four children	3
Three adults and no child	1
Three adults and three children	1
Four adults and no child	1
Four adults and one child	1
Six adults and no child	1
	<hr/>
	40

And also inhabiting loft over stable unsuited for habitation, Two adults and three children.

In the absence of available housing accommodation it has not been possible to at once relieve these cases. The Council in December, 1923, adopted the following report of the Housing Committee :—

The Committee had before them a statement issued by the Mayor, which contained the following observations

(a) As a result of two interviews with the Ministry of Health it appeared that the Government would be ready to help with any practical scheme which might be submitted by the Council for approval.

(b) The Council already have in their possession two very suitable sites, viz., London Road and Broadoak Lane.

(c) With regard to London Road there is space on the undeveloped area for over 60 houses, comprising one sitting room, scullery and three bedrooms. The greater portion of this area is already sewered, and the expenditure under this head would not be a very heavy one.

(d) It was suggested that the Council call for tenders for the erection of 60 houses.

(e) There were sites available in the Little Common District, and a start might be made in that quarter by erecting say 10 to 15 houses.

(f) The two schemes, viz., London Road and Little Common, could go forward conjointly.

The Committee recommend that the Housing Committee be authorised to obtain tenders on the lines above suggested preparatory to a scheme being submitted to the Council and the Ministry of Health, with a view to early progress being made with the provision of further housing accommodation.

7.—Sanitary Administration.

Tabular summary of the work of the Sanitary Department during the year, and action taken under the Public Health Acts or bye laws, etc.

With the exception of a few cottages in the agricultural area, all the houses have closets on the water carriage system connected to the Sewers in the Urban part of the District, and to cesspools in the outlying part.

Work of the Sanitary Inspector under Article JJ. of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Order, 1910.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Sanitary Certificates.

During the year the drainage system and sanitary arrangements of 6 houses were examined and tested by request for sanitary certificates. 4 special certificates were granted as the conditions for the issue of the same were complied with. In one case a certificate (not special) was issued in consequence of certain sanitary fittings or arrangements not strictly complying with the regulations, but complying with the Bye-laws, and one written certificate was issued.

Amount of fees received, £6 6s. 0d.

New Houses Erected, Special Certificates Issued, 1

Milk. Special Designation Order.

Applications were received from three Dairymen.

The premises were inspected and the requirements according to the Statutory regulations being complied with the licences were granted.

Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops Order, 1885.

At the end of the year there were in the district :—

19 Cowkeepers.	9 Dairymen.
11 Cowkeepers and Purveyors.	23 Purveyors.

During the year the following changes took place :—

Cowkeepers, new premises registered	...	...	2
„ change of occupier	...	...	3
„ gave up business	...	...	2
Cowkeepers and Purveyors, gave up business	...	...	1
Dairies, change of occupier	...	...	2
Purveyors, change of occupier	...	...	3
„ gave up business	...	...	1
„ new premises registered	...	...	4

For the purpose of inspecting the Cowsheds, Dairies, or Milkstores 158 visits were made during the year.

The Dairies and Milkshops are kept as regards cleanliness in a satisfactory condition.

There are only two shops in which in addition to the general grocery business a small quantity of milk is sold.

The Restaurants and Teashops which sell milk are registered.

Defects Found.

Particulars.	Found.	Complied with.
To cleanse and limewash cowsheds, dairy, or milk store	8	8
„ Thoroughly cleanse floors or walls or roofs of cowshed, dairy, or milk store	5	5
„ Repair defective roofs, walls or paving of cowshed, dairy, or milk store ..	3	2
„ Provide proper light and ventilation to cowshed, dairy, or milk store.. ..	0	0
„ Provide drain to cowshed	2	2
„ Cleanse out water storage tank ..	1	1
„ Cleanse udders or hindquarters of cows or hands of cowman	4	4
„ Remove accumulations of manure ..	7	7
„ Provide a proper water supply ..	0	0
„ Cleanse milking utensils.. ..	4	4
„ Register premises	10	10
„ Cover milk vessels	2	2
„ Discontinue using sheds for cows which do not comply with Bye-laws ..	0	0
„ provide suitable building for cows ..	0	0
„ provide suitable building for storing milk and cans	1	1
„ provide copper for heating water ..	2	2

Slaughter Houses.

There are one registered and three licensed slaughter houses in the district.

No. 1 (licensed) in Freezeland Lane

No. 2 (registered) in High Street.

No. 3 (licensed) in Kennels Road, Little Common.

No. 4 (licensed) at Cobbs Hill.

The Slaughter houses Nos. 1, 2 and 4 have been kept by the occupiers as regards cleanliness to comply with the regulations.

The slaughter house No. 3 is used occasionally either by the owner or butchers who require accommodation to kill calves or pigs.

Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.
To thoroughly cleanse or lime-wash slaughter-house ..	3	3
„ Cleanse floors of slaughter-house or lairs	10	10
„ Repair doors and windows..	0	0
„ Renew Licenses ..	2	2
Total	13	13

Food Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption.

	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Beef (Tubercular)	15	2	22
Plaice			84
Haddocks (dried)			28
Kippers 6 boxes			
Fowls 7			
Potatoes	1	0	22
Black Currants 10 bushels			

Bakehouses.

There are in the District 17 Workshops which come under Factory and Workshops Act relating to Bakehouses, as follows:

Factory Bakehouses machinery employed ...	5
Bakehouses hand labour, men only employed	5
Tea Shops, small goods made and sold by retail, women employed	7
Total	17

When inspecting in several cases it was found necessary to give the occupier notice to cleanse or limewash the premises.

Defects Found.

Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.
To Cleanse or whitewash Bakehouses or Flour Stores and clean paint work	7	7
To Cleanse floor of Bakehouse	4	4
To provide suitable receptacle for Fuel	1	1
Total	12	12

Factory and Workshops Act, 1901.

Administration of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901,
in connection with **Factories, Workshops, Laundries, Workplaces**
and Homework.

1—Inspection.

Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises.	Inspections.
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	37
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) ..	247
Workplaces other than Outworkers' Premises in- cluded in this Report	51
Total	335

2—Defects Found.

Particulars	Found.	Remedied.
Want of Cleanliness	57	55
Overcrowding	—	—
Want of Drainage of Floors	2	2
Other Nuisances	49	46
Sanitary Accommodation Unsuitable or Defective	2	2
Total	110	105

3 - Home Work—Out Workers.

Nature of Work.	Lists received from Employers.				Notices served on occupiers as to keeping or sending Lists.	Outwork in infected Premises.
	Sending twice in the year.		Sending once in the year.			
	Lists.	Workmen.	Lists.	Workmen.		Instances.
Wearing Apparel— Making, etc.	8	6	3	7	24	—
Furniture & Upholstery, Curtains, etc.	2	2	3	1	10	—

4—Registered Workshops and Workplaces.

Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at the end of the year.	Number
Bakehouses	12
Boot Makers	9
Dressmakers and Milliners	31
Laundries (including Factory Laundries)	19
Others	185
Total number of Workshops on Register	256

5—Other Matters.

Class.	Number.
Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories :—	
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 133)	1
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5)—	
Notified by H.M. Inspector	1
Reports (of action taken) sent to H.M. Inspector ..	—
Underground Bakehouses (s. 101)—	
Certificates granted during the year	—
In use at the end of the year	2

Disinfector.

The Steam Disinfector has worked satisfactorily during the year.

The number of articles disinfected after Infectious diseases were as follows:—

Beds	4
Mattresses or Palliasses	81
Bolsters	17
Pillows	96
Sheets, Blankets, etc.	73
Cushions and Eiderdowns	40
Wearing Apparel, etc.	23
Miscellaneous	12
Total	<hr/> 346
Articles destroyed	2

Disinfector Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Insurances	2	14	11
Repayment of Loans	47	2	11
Removal of Bedding	5	2	0
Repairs	0	0	0
Coal and Coke	2	9	6
Sundries			3
	<hr/> £57	9	<hr/> 7

Amount recovered for year
ending 30th Sept., 1923. ... £14 15 10

Visits, Particulars of Work Executed, and Notices Served.

Visits in respect of sickness	40
No. of Rooms disinfected or sprayed	82
„ Notices sent to Schools, <i>re</i> sickness	12
„ Visits to Isolation Hospital or Disinfector	92
To Cleanse, purify, strip, and whitewash rooms by Owner	5
To Strip and whitewash rooms by Occupiers	1
„ Cleanse rooms	37

Complaints received during the Year.

No. of complaints received from:—

Drains and closets choked or in defective condition	15
Foul state of closets, urinals, privies, or waste pipes	9
Offensive smells from sewer grids or street gullies	3
" cesspools overflowing ...	2
House or Workroom overcrowded or in an insani- tary condition ...	11
" walls damp and leaky roofs ...	4
Animals kept in such a state as to be a nuisance ...	10
Accumulation of garden, trade refuse or manure ...	11
Houses or premises without a proper water supply	1
Closets without a proper water supply ...	3
Pond, ditch, or watercourse in a foul state ...	3
Premises without dust receptacles or defective ...	9
House refuse not removed ...	16
Stables, yards, or back passages, etc., in an insanitary condition ...	8
Discharge of black smoke ...	3
Accumulation of water in cellars ...	1
Temporary buildings used for sleeping purposes ...	1
Back flooding from surface water ...	6
Gipsy Encampment ...	2
Rats ...	7
Complaints made and found not to be a nuisance or injurious to health ...	25
Total ...	150

Complaints attended to and Inspections made.

No. of Complaints attended to ...	150
Inspections:—	
" houses or premises ...	418
" cowsheds, dairies, etc. ...	153
" bakehouses ...	40
" slaughter houses ...	170
" factories, workshops, or workplaces ...	335
" butchers, grocers, greengrocers shops, etc. ...	193
Samples of water taken for analysis ...	9
Visits <i>re</i> work in hand, serving notices, and sundry purposes ...	1443
Letters written in connection with drainage and other matters ...	349

NATURE OF WORK.		Verbal or Written Notice.
Drains	New provided and connected to sewer	I
„	Re-laid and connected to sewer	10
„	Repaired and made watertight	25
„	Provided to closet, cellar, motor garage, stable, or surface water	22
„	Disconnected from cesspool and connected to sewer	I
„	New provided and connected to cesspool	I
„	Surface water intercepted from sewage system, or disc-fixed to traps	8
„	Cleared or cleansed	16
Soil Pipes or Ventilators	Old removed and new 4 in. L.C.C. pattern fixed, joints repaired or pipe carried up to form a safe outlet for sewer air	39
Closets	Defective pattern removed and efficient form fixed	5
„	Provide water closet in place of earth closet	I
„	Closets, new provided	13
„	Urinals „ „	I
„	New pans or traps fixed	27
„	External ventilation or light provided	2
„	Cleared or cleansed	17
„	Provide and fix new seats	3
„	To repair joint to fall pipe	7
Earth closets ..	New pails provided	1
Anti-Syphonage pipes	Provided to closets, urinals or waste pipes	4
Inspection Chambers	New provided, repaired, covered, or sealed down	42
Lavatory Basins	Defective removed and new provided	3
F.A. inlets ..	New provided, repaired, or sealed off	17
Waste pipes ..	New provided, trapped, lengthened, or repaired	15
Carried forward		281

NATURE OF WORK.		Verbal or Written Notice.
	Brought forward ..	281
Flushing cisterns	New provided or flushing apparatus repaired ..	21
Scullery sinks..	New provided or repaired ..	9
Dustbins ..	New provided ..	16
Wells or cisterns	Closed, repaired, cleansed, covered, or new pumps fixed ..	6
Cesspools ..	Emptied, cleansed, repaired, or new pumps fixed, filled up, or overflow pipes disconnected	33
Garages, stables yard, scullery etc.	Repaved, repaired, or cleansed	72
Water	Provided to closets or urinals	2
House or rooms	Cleansed or whitewashed ..	92
„	Repaint Woodwork ..	6
„ ..	Ceiling or wall plastering repaired ..	28
„ ..	Overcrowded ..	5
Doors or window frames or sashes	New provided, repaired, new sash lines, or fasteners ..	32
„	Replace broken squares of glass ..	3
Staircase ..	New relaid, repaired, or through ventilation provided, or site covered with concrete ..	16
Floors, etc.		
Grates	Provide new or repair same...	9
Coppers	Provide new pan, furnace or repair brickwork ..	3
Baths	Repair or enamel or new provided ..	5
Cylinders	Provide new or repair same ..	1
Walls, external	Rendered in cement, repaired, or damp courses provided ..	9
Guttering, stack pipes, etc.	New provided, repaired, cleared, or lengthened ..	11
Roofs, ceilings, etc.	Repaired ..	18
Workshops or rooms	Provide external ventilation ..	1
Vacant plots of land	Cleanse site or remove refuse ..	7
Pond, ditch, etc.	Emptied or cleansed ..	1
	Total ..	687

Work Executed by Occupiers.

PARTICULARS.				Verbal or Written Notice.
To	Abate overcrowding	...	...	3
"	Clear drain	...	...	8
"	Cleanse interior of house or rooms	...	...	6
"	Discontinue discharging black smoke	...	...	1
"	"	keeping animals so as to be a nuisance	...	13
"	"	conveying offensive matter through public streets during pro- hibited hours	...	6
"	Empty or cleanse cesspools, ditch, water closets, earth closets, urinals, privies, yards, stables, cellars, drains, waste pipes, pigsties, etc.	...	...	50
"	Remove accumulation of manure, vegetable matter, fish, offal or trade refuse	...	...	26
"	Repair flushing apparatus	...	...	5
Total				118

Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total	103
(b) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme	0
(c) Subsidy Houses: Working Class	0
Subsidy Houses: Middle Class	0
Houses Erected Private Owners	103
Houses converted into Flats	4

1. Unfit Dwelling houses. Inspection:—

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	239
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	76
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	74
2. Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notice:— Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	26
3. Action under Statutory Powers:—	
A.—Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919:—	0
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	52
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit:	
(a) by Owners	45
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	0
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intentions to close	0
B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied:	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied:	7
(a) by Owners	45
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	0
C.—Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909:—	
(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit	0
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0

Rats and Mice Destruction Act. 1919.

In May the Sanitary Inspector was appointed as Inspector under the Act.

During the latter part of the year 7 complaints were received as to nuisance from Rats.

In each case instructions were given to the occupier as to the use of a suitable poison for the destruction of same.

At the Council's Dust Tip, situate in the Turkey Road, in order to keep down the Rats, it has been necessary to put down poison of various kinds twice a month.

Public Health Staff.

1. Medical Officer of Health (part time) M.B., D.P.H. Camb. Also School Medical Officer. Not in private practice.

2. One Inspector who besides ordinary sanitary work has charge of housing, food, factory, and workshop inspection.

Contributions are made in the case of both Medical Officer and Inspector under the Public Health Acts or by Exchequer grants.

3. One man whose duty is to assist with drainage work, disinfection of premises, etc.

4. No specialised inspectors, health visitors or special nurses are employed by the Council.

5. The Nursing Staff at the Fever Hospital is composed of one Matron and one Nurse.

Borough of Bexhill.

List of Adoptive Acts, Bye-Laws and local Regulations relating to the public health, in force in the district, with date of adoption.

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890.	13th January, 1891.
The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, Parts II., III., IV., V., VI. and X.	6th August, 1908.
The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, Sections 79, 82, 83, 84, 85, and 86 of Part VII.; Sections 87 and 88 of Part VIII. and Part IX.	14th October, 1909.
BYE-LAWS with respect to:—	
Cleansing of footways and pavements, the removal of house refuse and cleansing of earth closets, etc.	16th October, 1899.
Drainage of existing buildings.	7th September, 1900.
New Streets and buildings.	3rd November, 1893.
do. do.	5th March, 1900.
Alteration of buildings.	3rd November, 1893.
The sufficiency of the space about buildings to secure a free circulation of air.	
Slaughterhouses.	16th October, 1899.
BYE-LAWS; for the Regulation of Offensive Trades.	13th December, 1915.
BYE-LAWS for the Regulation of Tents, vans, sheds and similar structures used for human habitation.	23rd July, 1917.
REGULATIONS with respect to Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops.	17th July, 1899.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT, 1923.

The Borough Meteorological Station was re-established in March, an enclosure being made in Egerton Park for the reception of the various instruments. The sunshine recorder was retained in its original position on a building on the Marina. Observations and records were commenced on April 1st. A representative of the Meteorological Office inspected the Station on June 2nd, and an official certificate of approval was issued. Certain instruments, however, were required to undergo tests at the National Physical Laboratory, and consequently the records for a short period are incomplete. On the receipt of the necessary certificates from the National Physical Laboratory daily weather telegrams to the Meteorological Office were commenced. These were despatched every day from July 9th to December 31st, and particulars of the weather at Bexhill were included in the various reports issued by the Meteorological Office.

Table I gives a summary of observations on the sunshine and rainfall during the period covered by this report, with means of the barometer readings (corrected and reduced to sea-level) and records of temperature.

Table II. is a summary of wind force and direction based upon two fixed observations a day.

H. J. SARGENT,

Meteorological Recorder.

The Museum,

Egerton Park, Bexhill.

TABLE													
		SUNSHINE.							RAINFALL.				
		Total.	Daily Means.	Most in a Day.			Days with Sun.	Days no Sun.	Total.		Most in a Day.		
1923				Amount.	Date.				Date.	Amount.	Days with Rain, 1 mm. or more.	Days no Rain.	
		Hrs.							Mm.	Ins.	Mm.		
APRIL	.. ..	161.7	5.39	11.0	8.	27	3		50.3	1.98	25	24.3	9 17
MAY	.. ..	179.0	5.77	12.0	2.	27	4		70.7	2.78	12	13.0	15 12
JUNE	.. ..	142.6	4.75	11.9	29.	27	3		15.2	0.60	15	6.0	4 14
JULY	.. ..	273.4	8.81	14.6	11.	31	0		39.3	1.55	13	12.4	9 17
AUGUST	.. ..	260.3	8.39	13.9	1.	30	1		48.6	1.91	27	7.5	10 16
SEPTEMBER	.. ..	227.5	7.58	11.6	9.	29	1		57.0	2.23	22	16.2	8 16
OCTOBER	.. ..	106.3	3.43	9.4	15.	26	5		177.4	6.98	3	34.3	18 7
NOVEMBER	.. ..	112.4	3.75	8.1	11.	23	7		61.4	2.42	13	11.3	9 10
DECEMBER	.. ..	60.7	1.96	6.3	23.	19	12		81.9	3.22	25	10.1	16 6
Totals	..	1523.9					239	36	601.8	23.67		98	115

I.		TEMPERATURES.													
BAR.		Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Max. (a)	Min. (b)	Absolute Max. and Min.				Grass. Min.	Earth. 1 ft.				
Means.		Means.	Means.	Means.	Means of (a) and (b).	Max.	Date.	Min.	Date.	Means.	Lowest.	Date.	Means.		
<i>Ins.</i>															
29.719	49.6	45.8	52.8	42.7	47.7	61	11.	31	23.	37.8	28	27.	50.7		
29.929	52.6	49.9	56.9	44.5	52.2	71	5.	35	26.	40.7	30	26.	54.2		
30.269	57.7	51.9	59.4	48.6	54.0	72	22.	41	5.	45.4	35	18.	57.1		
30.001	66.6	61.9	*	57.4	*	*	*	47	27.	*	*	*	*		
29.958	64.1	59.8	67.1	54.4	60.7	79	9.	44	31.	49.3	35	31.	64.2		
30.004	60.1	57.1	63.1	49.3	56.2	69	10,	41	17.	43.6	36	1, 4,	59.5		
29.760	54.2	51.8	57.7	47.8	52.7	65	9.	35	15.	43.6	27	15.	55.5		
29.780	41.6	39.9	45.2	35.2	40.2	56	3.	27	26	29.9	20	8.	46.7		
29.994	41.3	40.0	45.0	35.2	40.1	51	4.	26	21,	30.2	18	1,	41.9		

(* Instruments at Nat. Phy. Lab.)

TABLE
WIND FORCE

II.
AND DIRECTION.

FORCE.											DIRECTION.										
1923		Force 8 or more	Force 4-7	Force 1-3	Calm	NNW	N	NNE	NE	ENE	E	ESE	SE	SSE	S	SSW	SW	WSW	W	WNW	NW
APRIL	..	I.	0	2	28	0	0	0	1	4	9	0	4	0	0	2	4	1	3	0	0
		II.	0	3	27	0	0	0	1	5	9	0	2	1	0	2	4	1	3	0	0
MAY	..	I.	0	0	31	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	6
		II.	0	0	30	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	16	0	1	0	5
JUNE	..	I.	0	3	27	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	2	2	12
		II.	0	2	27	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	8	5	0	3	6
JULY	..	I.	0	4	26	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	10	11	1	2	0
		II.	0	6	24	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	7	13	4	2	0
AUG.	..	I.	0	9	22	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	14	1	5	3	3
		II.	0	12	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	2	6	4	12	2	1
SEPT.	..	I.	0	6	22	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	16	6	0	2	1
		II.	0	6	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	15	10	0	0	0
OCT.	..	I.	0	8	22	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	7	5	2	1
		II.	1	6	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	4	2	3
NOV.	..	I.	0	2	23	5	0	1	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	3	2	4
		II.	0	2	26	2	3	0	2	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	4	1	4	2	4
DEC.	..	I.	0	1	30	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	2	9	1	6
		II.	0	4	27	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	3	11	2	3
Total		I	76	456	17	6	5	6	41	11	26	6	13	6	3	15	169	77	67	27	55

Observations at 9 hr. (I) and 17 hr. (II).

Borough of Bexhill.

REPORT

OF THE

School Medical Officer

TO THE

Education Committee

FOR

Year ended Dec. 31st,

1923.

To the Chairman and Members of the Education Committee.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I present herewith Annual Report for 1923. The Board of Education have issued fresh and more comprehensive tables.

1. STAFF.

School Medical Officer.
School Dental Officer.
Ophthalmic Surgeon.
School Nurse.

2. CO-ORDINATION.

- (a) S.M.O. is also M.O.H., and for part of the year acted as Hon. M.O. to the Infant and Child Welfare Centre, which meets weekly and admits children up to school age. As the result of an accident this latter post of Hon. M.O. was transferred to a paid M.O. chosen from the medical practitioners of the borough.

3. SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE IN RELATION TO PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

- (a) School Hygiene.—General improvement has been reported in the standard of cleanliness, etc.
(b) Work done.—With the exception of certain minor matters which have received attention, the condition of the Schools has been satisfactory.

4. MEDICAL INSPECTION (ROUTINE).

Five hundred and sixty-nine children were inspected, including Admissions, Age Groups, Specials sent up by Teachers, and Leavers.

- (a) Age Groups.—At ages of 5, 8, and 12 years.
(b) All entrants have been inspected.
(c) All children requiring further observation or treatment have been referred to the School Clinic.
(d) Every assistance has been given by the Teachers

In addition to the Routine figures, 199 Special Inspections were made and 106 Re-inspections.

5. FINDINGS OF MEDICAL INSPECTION (ROUTINE).

- (a) Uncleanliness.—18 cases have been observed at the Routine Inspections, and 2 cases at the Special Inspections.
(b) Minor Ailments.

Malnutrition was found in 6 cases as requiring treatment and 19 cases were kept under observation.

Enlarged Glands (non-Tuberculous) were found in one case to require treatment, and in 13 to be kept under observation.

Other defects and diseases were found in 2 cases to require treatment and in 30 cases to be kept under observation.

- (c) Tonsils and Adenoids.—were found to be enlarged and requiring treatment in 3 cases, and in 64 cases to be slightly enlarged and to be kept for observation.

In consequence of the fact that the accommodation at the School Clinic was insufficient, its use for operations was discontinued, and the cases have been dealt with mostly at the East Sussex Hospital (new Out-Patient Department).

- (d) Tuberculosis.—Eleven cases have been sent to the Tuberculosis Dispensary from both Routine and Special Inspections. One definite case was inspected who had been under Sanatorium treatment and was found fit to attend School. Five cases were found to require treatment. Amongst them three cases of night perspiration were noted. Three cases of Bronchitis were referred to the Clinic for treatment.
- (e) Three cases of Skin Disease (non-Tuberculous) were referred for treatment and passed to Clinic.
- (f) External Eye Diseases.—Ten cases of Blepharitis were referred to Clinic for treatment, also 8 cases of Conjunctivitis, 3 of Strabismus, and 3 cases of other conditions.
- (g) Four cases of impaired vision were sent to the Eye Specialist for treatment and three cases were kept under observation.
- (h) Ear Disease and Hearing.—Two cases of defective hearing were referred for treatment.
- (i) Dental Defect.—35 cases were referred for treatment and 23 kept under observation.
- (j) Crippling Defects.—Three cases were referred for treatment and 8 kept under observation. Among the causes were found: Effects of Infantile Paralysis, Stiff Knee, Pigeon Breast, etc.
- (k) Other Defects and Diseases.—Two cases were found requiring treatment and 30 kept under observation. Among these were noted Thyroid enlargement likely to develop into Goitre.
- (l) Impairment of Nutrition, as shewn by comparison with average, taking age and height into consideration :—

	1-5 lbs. under.	5-10 lbs. under.	10-20 lbs. under.
St. Barnabas' Boys	2	6	...
St. Barnabas' Girls	4	8	3
St. Barnabas' Infants	3	...	...
St. Peter's Boys	13	11	2
St. Peter's Girls	10	3	...
St. Peter's Infants	14	4	...
Sidley Infants	1	2	...
St. Mark's School	2	5	...
Sluice	2	1	...
Down Council Mixed	21	26	25
Down Council Infants	19	2	...
St. Mary Magdalene's	2	2	...
Special Class ... ..	...	4	...

- (m) In addition to the Routine inspections of each School the School Nurse has made frequent re-inspections of cases found verminous; 122 children were found unclean, including 42 vermineous.

The Inspector, N.S.P.C.C., has visited in 10 cases of the above 42.

6. INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

- (a) Two cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphteria, and 10 of Varicella have been notified. All cases have been followed up, and contacts and suspects dealt with.
- (b) As there was nothing of an epidemic character no school closures were found necessary.
- (c) Temporary Exclusions under Article 53 of the Code :

For Ringworm, head	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
" " body	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
" Scabies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" Impetigo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
" Blepharitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" Conjunctivitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" Ear Trouble	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
" Throat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
" Glands (T.B., etc)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
" Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
" Whooping Cough (contacts)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" Gingivitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" Catarrhal Colds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" Hæmoptysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" Gastric Trouble	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" Dyspepsia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" Diarrhœa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" Rheumatism	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" Boils	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" Fibrositis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" Septic Toe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" Mumps (contacts)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
" Scarlet Fever (contacts)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
" Varicella	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" Hysteria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" Corneal Ulcer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" Accident	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" Concussion after fall	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Exempted from Cooking Class	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

7. FOLLOWING UP.

Summary of Reports of School Nurse.

Number of visits to Schools	...	...	...	...	...	530
Number of visits to Homes	...	...	...	...	...	358
Number of times Clinic opened	...	...	...	...	...	166
Number of children treated	...	...	...	...	...	427
Number of attendances made by children	...	...	...	...	...	2,011
Number of parents present	...	...	...	...	...	146
Number of times Dental Clinic opened	...	...	...	...	...	41
Number of appointments made	...	...	...	...	...	692
Number of appointments kept	...	...	...	...	...	561
Number of children who had final treatment	...	...	...	...	...	248
Number of children treated by Eye Specialist	...	...	...	...	...	33

8 WORK OF SCHOOL CLINIC.

Malnutrition, 8; Verminous conditions, 42; Nose and Throat, 22; Minor Eye Defects, 42 (Conjunctivitis 19, Blepharitis 23); Ringworm, scalp, 13; Ringworm, body, 3; Scabies, 3; Impetigo, 27; other Skin Diseases, 18; Minor Ear Defects, 29; cases sent to Tuberculosis Dispensary, 11; Accidents, 22; Sprains, 5; Whitlows, 5; Herpes, 4; Corneal Ulcer 1; Accidents to Eye, 2; Goitre, 6; Rheumatism, 4; Debility, 7; Influenza, 9; Abdominal Trouble, 23; Fits, 2; Nervous System, 7; Effects of Infantile Paralysis, 2; Heart and Circulation, 28; Bronchitis, 8; Glands, 20; Varicella, 3; Whooping Cough, 1; Gingivitis, 2; Balanitis 1; Epilepsy, 2 boys waiting admission to Chalfont Colony; 1 boy sent to Dr. Barnardo's Homes; Ear cases sent to East Sussex Hospital for Mastoid operation, 1 boy and 1 girl.

9. OPEN-AIR EDUCATION.

Classes are held outside during the summer months.

10. PHYSICAL TRAINING.

No area organiser available. It is carried out efficiently by the teachers.

11. PROVISION OF MEALS.

- (a) No provision has been found necessary generally.
- (b) Provision of Virol, Milk, etc.

Virol has been supplied at cost price and distributed to children marked as requiring it at the Schools. For the following cases it was provided free of charge:—Virol, 2; Milk, 6; Malt and Cod Liver Oil, 3.

12. SCHOOL BATHS.

The children have access to the Corporation Swimming Baths. There is still a need for provision of Cleansing Baths.

13 CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS.

The efforts to secure presence of parents at the Inspections and Clinics have met with considerable success; 206 parents have attended the former and 146 the latter.

14. CO-OPERATION OF TEACHERS.

Teachers have given all assistance in their power, and have sent cases to the Clinic on their own initiative where health was a possible cause of unsatisfactory progress.

15. CO-OPERATION OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

Doubtful cases of non-attendance reported by him, and investigated by School Nurse or S.M.O.

Average number on the books	...	...	...	1,451
Average attendance	...	...	...	1,312
Average percentage of attendance	...	...	...	90

16. CO-OPERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES.

The Inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has given every possible assistance, and has visited one house where Home conditions were not satisfactory, and also 10 Verminous cases. One child has been sent to Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

17. BLIND, DEAF, AND EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.

- (a) There is no case of school age.
- (b) Two Epileptic children are waiting admission to the Chalfont Colony.
- (c) The Deaf case previously reported has moved from the Borough.
- (d) Defective Children.

The Special School, with its staff of two trained Teachers, has continued its work at the Down School. It would be advisable to separate the elder girls from the boys, but with only one room available it is not yet possible. The Stanford tests are used.

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	22
Number examined re admittance	...	...	...	...	8
Transferred back to Normal School	...	...	...	...	1
Discharged	...	...	...	...	2
Recommended for Institutional treatment	...	...	...	...	0
Number admitted	...	...	...	...	1

During the year useful work has been done in teaching boot-repairing and gardening. Two sessions per week of 3½ hours.

18. NURSERY SCHOOLS.

No sanction has been given.

19. SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

20. CONTINUATION SCHOOLS HAVE NOT YET BEEN STARTED.

21. EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS.

- (a) Conditions are under Bye-Laws sanctioned 3rd November, 1920.
- (b) Thirty-eight Leavers have been examined at the Clinic, both as to physical fitness, need for further observation or treatment, and as to vocational ability for proposed work.
Number of employed children, 60.

22. SPECIAL INQUIRIES.

Nil.

23. MISCELLANEOUS.

The Medical Examination of Teachers has been done by the County Council.

24. STATISTICAL TABLES.

The new form issued by the Board has been adopted and will be found in itself to be a summary of the work done.

Yours faithfully,

G. H. WESTON, B.A., M.B., Camb.

S.M.O.

TABLE I.—RETURN OF MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.
Year ended 31st December, 1923.

A. ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

Number of Code Group Inspections :

Entrants	185
Intermediates	140
Leavers	130
Total	<u>455</u>

Number of other Routine Inspections	<u>114</u>
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B. OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of Special Inspections	199
Number of Re-inspections	106
Total	<u>305</u>

TABLE II.

A. RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1923.

Defect or Disease.					Routine Inspections.		Special Inspections.	
					No. of Defects.		No. of Defects.	
					Requiring Treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but <i>not</i> requiring Treatment.	Requiring Treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation but <i>not</i> requiring treatment.
(1)					(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Malnutrition					6	19	2	44
					18		2	
(See Table IV, Group V).					—	—	—	—
Skin	{ Ringworm :							
	{ Scalp							
	{ Body							
	{ Scabies							
	{ Impetigo							
{ Other Diseases (non-Tuberculous)					3		1	
Eye	{ Blepharitis				10		5	
	{ Conjunctivitis				8		2	
	{ Keratitis							
	{ Corneal Opacities							
	{ Defective Vision (excluding Squint)				4	3	5	
	{ Squint				3			5
	{ Other Conditions				3			
Ear	{ Defective Hearing				2			
	{ Otitis Media							
	{ Other Ear Diseases							
Nose and Throat.	{ Enlarged Tonsils only							
	{ Adenoids only							
	{ Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids				3		2	19
	{ Other Conditions					64		11

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Enlarged Cervical Glands (Non-Tuberculous)		1	13		6
Defective Speech			5		2
Teeth.—Dental Diseases		35	23	6	15
(See Table IV, Group IV).					
Heart and Circulation.	Heart Disease :				
	Organic	2	12	1	5
	Functional	4	7	16	3
Lungs.	Anæmia				
	Bronchitis	3		4	
	Other Non-Tuberculous Diseases	4		5	
	Pulmonary : ..				
	Definite	1			
	Suspected	5		7	
Tuber- culosis	Non-Pulmonary :				
	Glands				
	Spine				
	Hip				
	Other Bones and Joints .	2			
	Skin				
	Other Forms				
Nervous System.	Epilepsy	2			
	Chorea	1			
	Other Conditions	5		10	
Deformities.	Rickets				
	Spinal Curvature				
	Other Forms	3	8	1	4
Other Defects and Diseases		2	30		

B. NUMBER OF *individual Children* FOUND AT *Routine* MEDICAL INSPECTION TO REQUIRE TREATMENT (EXCLUDING UNCLEANLINESS AND DENTAL DISEASES).

Group.	Number of Children.		Percentage of Children found to require treatment.
	Inspected.	Found to require treatment.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
CODE GROUPS :			
Entrants	185	11	5.9
Intermediates	140	20	14.2
Leavers	130	16	12.4
Total (Code Groups) .	455	47	10.3
Other Routine Inspections	114	15	13.1

TABLE III.—RETURN OF ALL EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN IN THE AREA.

			Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Blind (including partially blind)	(i) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the totally blind	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Blind Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution			
	(ii) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the partially blind	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Blind Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution			
Deaf (including deaf and dumb and partially deaf).	(i) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the totally deaf or deaf and dumb.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Deaf Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution			
	(ii) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the partially deaf.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Deaf Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution			
Mentally Defective.	Feeble minded (cases not notifiable to the Local Control Authority).	Attending Certified Schools for Mentally Defective Children Attending Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions At no School or Institution	12	10	22
	Notified to the Local Control Authority <i>during the year.</i>	Feeble minded Imbeciles Idiots			
Epileptics.	Suffering from severe epilepsy.	Attending Certified Special Schools for Epileptics In Institutions other than Certified Special Schools Attending Public Elementary Schools At no School or Institution	2		2
	Suffering from epilepsy which is not severe.	Attending Public Elementary Schools At no School or Institution	1	1	2

			Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Physically Defective.	Infectious pulmonary and glandular tuberculosis.	At Sanatoria or Sanatorium Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board.. At other Institutions .. At no School or Institution			
	Non-infectious but active pulmonary and glandular tuberculosis.	At Sanatoria or Sanatorium Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board .. At Certified Residential Open Air Schools .. At Certified Day Open Air Schools At Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions .. At no School or Institution		1	1
	Delicate Children (<i>e.g.</i> , pre-or latent tuberculosis, malnutrition, debility, anæmia, etc.)	At Certified Residential Open Air Schools .. At Certified Day Open Air Schools At Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions .. At no School or Institution	7	5	12
	Active non-pulmonary tuberculosis. Crippled Children (other than those with active tuberculous disease) <i>e.g.</i> , children suffering from paralysis, &c., and including those with severe heart disease.	At Sanatoria or Hospital Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board At Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions .. At no School or Institution At Certified Hospital Schools At Certified Residential Cripple Schools .. At Certified Day Cripple Schools At Public Elementary Schools At other Institutions .. At no School or Institution		1 1	1 1

TABLE IV.—RETURN OF DEFECTS TREATED DURING THE
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

TREATMENT TABLE.

Group I.—Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness,* for which see Group V).

Disease or Defect. (1)	Number of Defects Treated, or under Treatment during the year.		
	Under the Authority's Scheme. (2)	Otherwise (3)	Total. (4)
<i>Skin—</i>			
Ringworm—Scalp	13		13
Ringworm—Body	3		3
Scabies	3		3
Impetigo	27		27
Other Skin Disease	18		18
<i>Minor Eye Defects</i> (External and other, but exclud- ing cases falling in Group II).	42		42
<i>Minor Ear Defects</i>	29		29
<i>Miscellaneous</i> (e.g., minor injuries, bruises, sores chilblains, &c.)	187		187
Total	322		322

Group II.—Defective Vision and Squint (excluding Minor Eye Defects
treated as Minor Ailments—Group I).

Defect or Disease. (1)	Number of Defects dealt with.			
	Under the Authority's Scheme. (2)	Submitted to refraction by private prac- titioner or at hospital apart from the Authority's Scheme. (3)	Otherwise. (4)	Total. (5)
Errors of Refraction (in- cluding Squint) ..	25	3		28
Other Defect or Disease of the Eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I). ..	3			3
Total	28	3		31

TABLE IV (*Contd.*)

Total number of Children for whom spectacles were prescribed :

(a) Under the Authority's Scheme..	..	..	..	..	25
(b) Otherwise ..	..	..	..	..	3

Total number of Children who obtained or received spectacles :

(a) Under the Authority's Scheme	..	..	..	..	25
(b) Otherwise ..	..	..	..	..	3

Group III.—Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.

Number of Defects.				
Received Operative Treatment.			Received other forms of Treatment.	Total number treated.
Under the Authority's Scheme in Clinic or Hospital.	By Private Practitioner or Hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme.	Total.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
—	14	14	22	36

Group IV.—Dental Defects.

(1) Number of Children who were :

(a) Inspected by the Dentist :

Aged :

Routine Age Groups	5	..							
	6	..	50						
	7	..	54						
	8	..	61						
	9	..							
	10	..							
	11	..							
	12	..							
	13	..							
	14	..							
Total 165									
Specials ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	168
Grand Total ..									333

(b) Found to require treatment 274

(c) Actually treated 250

(d) Re-treated during the year, as the result of periodical examination 24

TABLE IV (*Contd.*)

(2) Half-days devoted to	{ Inspection .. 2 Treatment .. 42 }	Total .. 44
(3) Attendances made by Children for treatment	.. ..	575
(4) Fillings	{ Permanent teeth 141 Temporary teeth 71 }	Total .. 212
(5) Extractions ..	{ Permanent teeth 60 Temporary teeth 510 }	Total .. 570
(6) Administrations of general anæsthetics for extractions	.. ..	110
(7) Other operations..	{ Permanent teeth 22 Temporary teeth 16 }	Total .. 38

Group V.—Uncleanliness and verminous conditions.

- (i) Average number of visits per School made during the year
by the School Nurses 2 per week
- (ii) Total number of examinations of Children in the Schools
by School Nurses 46
- (iii) Number of individual Children found unclean 122
- (iv) Number of Children cleansed under arrangements made by
the Local Education Authority nil
- (v) Number of cases in which legal proceedings were taken :
 - (a) Under the Education Act, 1921 nil
 - (b) Under School Attendance Byelaws 3